10   an encoding component for converting a document in the predetermined format

11   into a first encoded object that can be understood and used by the another system, the first

12   encoded object being encoded according to a default encoding protocol; and

13   a translation component for encoding a document in the predetermined format

14   into a second encoded object that can be understood and used by the another system, the second

15   encoded object being encoded according to an encoding protocol different from the default

16   encoding protocol.

1   14. (Original) The platform of claim 13, wherein:

2   the information is provided by a service component; and

3   the request for service is in a form not understandable by the service component.

1   15. (Original) The platform of claim 13, wherein the service request is in a platform and

2   application-independent format.

1   16. (Original) The platform of claim 15, wherein the service request is in an Extensible

2   Markup Language format.

1   17. (Original) The platform of claim 13, further comprising a lookup service for

2   determining a service component to handle the service request.

1   18. (Original) The platform of claim 17, wherein the lookup service determines the

2   service component to handle the service request based on information associated with the service

3   component.

1   19. (Original) The platform of claim 13, wherein the protocol management framework

2   implements HTTP for transport.

1   20. (Original) The platform of claim 13, wherein the default protocol is SOAP.